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SUBJECT : PAIGC AND GOG ATTITUDES TOWARD SEPT 10 TRANSFER
OF POWER IN GUINEA-BISSAU

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1. ANNOUNCEMENT BY PAIGC AND GOG OVER WEEKEND SEPT 7-8 CONFIRM
REFTEL STATEMENT THAT PAIGC PLANS NO SIGNIFICANT CEREMONIES
ON SEPT 10, PREFERRING TO VIEW THAT DAY AS SIMPLY DATE WHEN
ONE MORE COUNTRY, PORTUGAL, WILL RECOGNIZE PAIGC GOVERNMENT.
MAJOR CELEBRATIONS WILL BE SEPT 24.

2. PAIGC COMMUNIQUE BROADCAST ON CONAKRY RADIO SEPT 8 ANNOUNCED
CHANGES IN GUINEA-BISSAU COUNCIL OF STATE, CREATION OF NEW
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONS TO GOVERN COUNTRY, PERSONNEL TO HEAD
THESE DIVISIONS, AND DISCUSSIONS BY COUNCIL OF STATE RE CAPE
VERDE ISLANDS. WILL REPORT DETAILS WHEN COMPLETE WRITTEN
COMMUNIQUE RECEIVED. VICTOR MARIA STILL IN CHARGE OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS, AND MOST OTHER COMMISSIONERS REMAIN THE SAME.
COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCED NO CEREMONY FOR SEPT 10.

3. GUINEA'S PARTY (PDG) CENTRAL COMMITTEE MET SEPT 6, AND
ISSUED STATEMENT MINIMIZING IMPORTANCE OF SEPT 10, BUT
ANNOUNCING THAT SEPT 24 WILL BE MAJOR HOLIDAY, WITH MASS
ORGANIZATIONS ORDERED TO PREPARE APPROPRIATE CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR RALLY AND DEMONSTRATION OF SUPPORT FOR PAIGC. GOG APPARENTLY
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INTENDS MAINTAIN MILITANT PUBLIC POSITION ON GUINEA-BISSAU,

DESPITE CHANGES IN BISSAU SITUATION. GUINEAN RADIO SEPT 8
BROADCAST SEKOU TOURE SPEECH OF JAN 31, 1973, WHICH WAS AN
EXTREMELY EMOTIONAL EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR PAIGC, COMPARING
PAIGC STRUGGLE TO 30-YEAR WAR OF VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AGAINST
IMPERIALISM.
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